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MEMORANDUM for Captain Machinery (Room 3405).

Subject: Executive Order Establishing Council of Common Defense,  
Draft of.1. The following revisions of subject document are  
recommended:

(a) Pages 9 and 10 - substitute the following for sub-section (1):

"(1) There is established, under the Council of Common Defense, a Central Intelligence Group (hereinafter in this section referred to as "Group"), which in time of national emergency or war shall be under the operational control and direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Group will be under the immediate control and direction of a Control Board consisting of a Director, to be appointed from civilian or military life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the heads (or their representatives) of the principal military and civilian intelligence agencies of the Government related to the national security as determined by the Council of Common Defense. The Director of the Group shall serve as chairman of the Control Board and as the executive of the Group. The Director shall receive compensation at the rate of \$12,000 per annum. Any commissioned officer of the Army or the Navy may be appointed to the office of Director; and his appointment to, acceptance of, and service in, such office shall in no way affect any status, office, rank or grade he may occupy or hold in the Army or the Navy or any emolument, prerequisite, right, privilege or benefit incident to or arising out of any such status, office, rank or grade. Any such commissioned officer on the active list shall, while serving in the office of the Director, receive the military pay and allowances payable to a commissioned officer of his grade and length of service and shall be paid, from any funds available to defray the expenses of the Group, annual compensation at a rate equal to the difference between \$12,000 and the amount of his annual military pay and allowances. There shall be assigned to duty with the Group such military and civilian personnel of the departments and agencies of the Government as the Council of Common Defense may, from time to time, recommend and the President approve."

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- (b) Page 10, line 8 - change to read:

"foreign intelligence activities of the United States and to perform functions assigned them relating thereto in such manner as to"

- (c) Page 11, line 5 - insert after line 5 and before line 6, the following sentences:

"With relation to the intelligence functions assigned CIO it shall be their responsibility to collect, evaluate information and to disseminate the resulting intelligence to JCS and to the departments and agencies of the Government responsible for the national defense. In time of national emergency or war, the CIO shall be subject to control and direction by JCS."

- (d) Page 20, line 19 - insert after line 19 and before line 20, the following sub-paragraph:

"(h) to control and direct, in time of national emergency or war, the activities of CIO."

2. The items of paragraph 1 are predicated upon the principle that in time of national emergency or war the armed services have paramount responsibility and accordingly should exercise control and direct intelligence activities relating to the operational intelligence required by those services for emergency or war-time conduct of U. S. Forces. If the premise of complete intelligence control under conditions of national emergency or war is not approved it is recommended the items in paragraph 1 be modified as follows:

- (a) (1), lines 3, 4 and 5 delete "which in time of national emergency or war shall be under the operational control and direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," and substitute therefor "which in time of national emergency or war shall be under the control and direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff when the functions of the Group relate to operational intelligence required by the armed services."

- (c) Delete period at end of second sentence, line 6, and add: "insofar as activities relating to operational intelligence needed by the armed services is concerned."

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(d) Substitute the following sub-paragraphs:

"(h) to control and direct the CIG regarding those assigned functions relating to operational intelligence required by the Armed Forces in time of national emergency or war."

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Dictated by Capt. Wharton  
Typed by E. Bender

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